



South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Project and Lands Committee Minutes

This meeting is open to the public

Thursday, January 31, 2008

Immediately following the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting

B-1 Headquarters - Storch Room

3301 Gun Club Road

West Palm Beach FL 33406

All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members. The order of items appearing on the agenda is subject to change during the meeting and is at the discretion of presiding officer. Public comment will be taken after each presentation and before Governing Board action. Public comment will also be taken at the end of the meeting.

Attendees:

Shannon Estenoz, Vice Chair

Nicolas Gutierrez

Malcolm Wade

Melissa Meeker

Not Present:

Harkley Thornton, Chairman

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Estenoz called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Agenda Changes/Additions/Deletions

Vice-Chair requested Item 7 be presented and discussed before Item 4.

3. Approval of minutes for October 10, 2007 Project and Lands Committee meeting

- **Motion made by Nicolas Gutierrez, seconded by Melissa Meeker, to approve the minutes. Vote called. Voting yes: Shannon Estenoz, Nicolas Gutierrez, Melissa Meeker, and Malcolm Wade. Motion passed.**

4. Amendment to Barnard Parsons Joint Venture Agreement for construction of Everglades Agriculture Area Reservoir – John Dunnuck, Program Implementation Manager

John Dunnuck, Program Implementation Manager, presented information on the amendment to the Barnard Parsons Joint Venture Agreement for the construction of the Everglades Agriculture Area (EAA) Reservoir at the Audit & Finance Committee meeting held on 1/31 at 9:00 am. No presentation was provided at the Project and Lands Committee meeting.

- **Motion made by Nicolas Gutierrez, seconded by Malcolm Wade, to approve the Audit & Finance Committee's recommendation:**
 - **Authorize an amendment for construction of the EAA Reservoir from a not to-exceed amount of \$400 million to \$600 million. 2**
 - **Authorize \$5.5 million for continuation of the OCIP program.**
 - **Authorize the District to purchase builder's risk insurance at a cost of \$8 million project.**
- Vote called. Voting yes: Shannon Estenoz, Nicolas Gutierrez, Melissa Meeker, and Malcolm Wade. Motion passed.**

5. Surplus Lands - Ruth P. Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management Department

Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management Department, provided information on potential surplus properties. Ms. Clements reported there are ten properties available for immediate surplus valuing approximately \$47 million.

- **Motion made by Malcolm Wade, seconded by Nicolas Gutierrez, for staff's recommendation to 1) market the ten properties for surpluses or exchanges and 2) to send out a Request for Proposal from developers for building the St. Lucie/Martin Service Center on the Stuart tract (SR76). Vote called. Voting yes: Shannon Estenoz, Nicolas Gutierrez, Melissa Meeker, and Malcolm Wade. Motion passed.**

6. Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority – Ruth P. Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management Department

Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management, requested Committee approval to provide data to Palm Beach County for surplus land (Woerner parcel) available that may meet their needs.

Ms. Meeker asked about the proximity of other District's projects located south of the land.

Ms. Clements provided additional information pertaining to the projects south of this land.

Ms. Meeker requested FDEP also evaluate state-owned land in the area to see if any could be available for this use.

- **Motion made by Nicolas Gutierrez, seconded by Melissa Meeker to present data of surplus property to Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority. Vote called. Voting yes: Shannon Estenoz, Nicolas Gutierrez, Melissa Meeker. Abstained: Malcolm Wade. Motion passed.**

7. Crooks Ranch (Hendry County) Consent Agreement Extension Request – Keith R. Smith, Deputy Department Director, Water Supply

Keith Smith, Deputy Department Director, Water Supply Department presented background information on the Crooks Ranch Consent Agreement.

The property owner is requesting the consent agreement be extended for three years.

- **Motion made by Malcolm Wade, seconded by Nicolas Gutierrez, to extend the Crooks Ranch (Hendry County) consent agreement for three years. Vote called. Voting yes: Harkley Thornton, Shannon Estenoz, Nicolas Gutierrez, Melissa Meeker, and Malcolm Wade. Motion passed.**

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Estenoz adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Shannon Estenoz
Vice Chairman
Projects and Lands Committee

Recorded By:

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